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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: J. S. Smith
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Kotaro AKUTSU) Group Art Unit: 2881
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Application No.: 10/649,645) Confirmation No.: 5560
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Filed: August 28, 2003) Allowed: August 5, 2005
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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS) August 29, 2005

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER REQUESTING THAT PREVIOUSLY-PAID ISSUE FEE
BE APPLIED TO ISSUE FEE CURRENTLY DUE

Sir:

Applicant, having received a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85), mailed August 5, 2005, in the above-identified patent application, hereby submits an Issue Fee Transmittal form. Applicant requests that the previously-paid Issue Fee and the fee for the advance order of five (5) patent copies in the amount of \$1,715.00, paid May 16, 2005, be applied towards the Issue Fee and advance patent copy order fee of \$1,715.00, which is currently due. (A copy of a Decision issued by the Office of Petitions on July 13, 2005, is attached wherein the Petitions Examiner indicates that the previously-paid Issue Fee may be re-applied.)

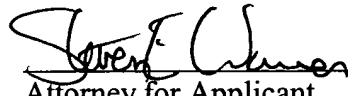
As discussed above, the Issue Fee, the Publication Fee, and the advance patent copy order fee in the amount of \$1,715.00 were previously paid on May 16, 2005. Therefore,

Applicant submits that no additional fees are due. Applicant also renews his advance order for five (5) patent copies.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any other fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this paper.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



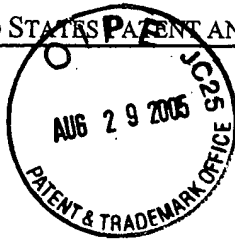
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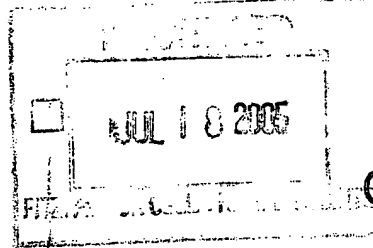


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ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the petition, filed July 8, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

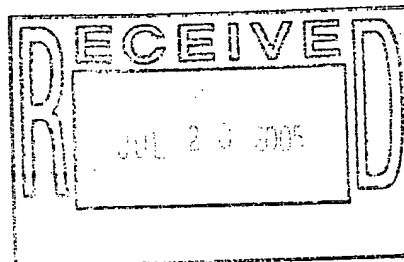
The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on May 16, 2005 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

The examiner of Technology Center AU 2881 will consider the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Karen Creasy
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Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy



¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).